written motions or requests shall be filed within 5 days after service unless the Commission or Presiding Officer directs otherwise.

(c) The Presiding Officer may entertain motions for extension of time and changes in schedule in accordance with paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section.

- (d) When the Commission does not preside, in response to a motion or request, the Presiding Officer may refer a ruling or certify a question to the Commission for decision and notify the participants.
- (e) Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, a motion or request, or the certification of a question or referral of a ruling, shall not stay or extend any aspect of the hearing.

§2.1326 Burden of proof.

The applicant or the proponent of an order has the burden of proof.

§ 2.1327 Application for a stay of the effectiveness of NRC staff action on license transfer.

- (a) Any application for a stay of the effectiveness of the NRC staff's order on the license transfer application shall be filed with the Commission within 5 days of the issuance of the notice of staff action pursuant to §2.1316(a).
- (b) An application for a stay must be no longer than 10 pages, exclusive of affidavits, and must contain:
- (1) A concise summary of the action which is requested to be stayed; and
- (2) A concise statement of the grounds for a stay, with reference to the factors specified in paragraph (d) of this section.
- (c) Within 10 days after service of an application for a stay under this section, any participant may file an answer supporting or opposing the granting of a stay. Answers must be no longer than 10 pages, exclusive of affidavits, and should concisely address the matters in paragraph (b) of this section, as appropriate. No further replies to answers will be entertained.
- (d) In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a stay, the Commission will consider:
- Whether the requestor will be irreparably injured unless a stay is granted;

- (2) Whether the requestor has made a strong showing that it is likely to prevail on the merits;
- (3) Whether the granting of a stay would harm other participants; and
 - (4) Where the public interest lies.

§ 2.1328 Default.

When a participant fails to act within a specified time, the Presiding Officer may consider that participant in default, issue an appropriate ruling and proceed without further notice to the defaulting participant.

§ 2.1329 Waiver of a rule or regulation.

- (a) A participant may petition that a Commission rule or regulation be waived with respect to the license transfer application under consideration.
- (b) The sole ground for a waiver shall be that, because of special circumstances concerning the subject of the hearing, application of a rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted.
- (c) Waiver petitions shall specify why application of the rule or regulation would not serve the purposes for which it was adopted and shall be supported by affidavits to the extent applicable.
- (d) Other participants may, within 10 days, file a response to a waiver petition.
- (e) When the Commission does not preside, the Presiding Officer will certify the waiver petition to the Commission, which, in response, will grant or deny the waiver or direct any further proceedings.

§ 2.1330 Reporter and transcript for an oral hearing.

- (a) A reporter designated by the Commission will record an oral hearing and prepare the official hearing transcript.
- (b) Except for any portions that must be protected from disclosure in accordance with law and policy as reflected in 10 CFR 2.790, transcripts will be placed at the NRC Web site, http://www.nrc.gov, and copies may be purchased from the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.